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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing message recipient local information comprising the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send a mobile ~~non-voice~~ message from an ~~originating source~~ a sending party to a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving ~~handheld device party~~, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed; [[and,]]

providing said determined local information to said ~~originating source~~ sending party [[.]] ~~said originating source deciding whether to send said mobile non-voice message or terminate said mobile non-voice message based upon said determined local information, wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located; and~~

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message is a text message.

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4. (Currently Amended) A method for providing message recipient local information comprising the steps of:

initiating a mobile ~~non-voice~~ message between an ~~originating source~~ a sending party and a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed; [[and]]

processing said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message based on said received local information[[,]] ~~wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located~~; and

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 4, wherein said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message is a text message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to 4, wherein said processing step comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message to said receiving handheld device, sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message to a mail box, and not sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message.

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8. (Previously Presented) A system for providing location-based recipient information comprising:

a wireless service provider for providing wireless telephony services to a network of handheld devices;

~~a time source for electronically reporting information local to each of said handheld devices; and,~~

a notification system configured to provide local information acquired from said ~~time source~~ handheld device in response to an attempt to send a mobile ~~non-voice~~ message from ~~an originating source~~ a sending party to a handheld device of a receiving party in said network, said location information indicating whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed, said notification system being further configured to provide said local information prior to sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message, said notification system being yet further configured to delay sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message until a decision to affirmatively send said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message is made at said originating source based on said provided local information, ~~wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located~~ and said notification system being still further configured to send an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

9. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

identifying an attempt to send a mobile ~~non-voice~~ message from ~~an originating source~~ a sending party to a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

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responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving ~~handheld device party, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed; [[and,]]~~

providing said determined local information to said ~~originating source~~ sending party[[.]] ~~said originating source deciding whether to send said mobile non-voice message or terminate said mobile non-voice message based upon said determined local information, wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located; and~~

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

10. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 9, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

11. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage according to claim 10, wherein said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message is a text message.

12. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

initiating a mobile ~~non-voice~~ message between ~~an originating source~~ a sending party and a receiving handheld device of a receiving party;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed; [[and]]

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processing said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message based on said received local information[[,]] ~~wherein the local information comprises a location where the receiving handheld device is located; and~~

sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party.

13. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said local information further comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, and day where said receiving handheld device is located.

14. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message is a text message.

15. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage according to 12, wherein said processing step comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message to said receiving handheld device, sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message to a mail box, and not sending said mobile ~~non-voice~~ message.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for providing call recipient local information comprising the steps of:

identifying an attempt to establish a telephone call between ~~an originating call source~~ a calling party and a receiving handheld device of a called party;

responsive to said identifying step, determining information local to said receiving handheld device, wherein said location information indicates whether said receiving party is not to be disturbed; [[and]]

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~~providing said determined local information to said originating call source, said originating call source deciding~~ automatically determining whether to complete said telephone call or terminate said telephone call based upon said determined local information[[],] ~~wherein the local information includes a time and at least one of a date, day and location where said receiving handheld device is located; and~~

automatically sending an alert signal to said receiving handheld device if the message is indicated as urgent by the sending party, said alert signal identifying said calling party.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the local information includes a time and ~~at least two~~ of a date, day, and location where said receiving device is located.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the local information includes a time, a date, day, and location where said receiving device is located.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:

~~when the originating call source decides to terminate said telephone call based on the local information,~~ deferring said telephone call, which results in placing the call at an appropriate time as defined by the originating call source at least one of the calling party and the called party.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, the local information includes a location where said receiving device is located.